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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

- 1. (Original) For a network management system provided with a graphical user interface (GUI) of the type adapted to transmit commands and display information with a view to enable management of a communication network, a method of obtaining customized information regarding a managed object of said network, comprising:
- a) selecting said managed object on a window displayed by said GUI and communicating identification data of said managed object to the network management system;
- b) displaying a modified object information window including fields for standard information and additional fields for said customized information pertaining to said managed object; and
- c) completing said fields with said standard information and said customized information, respectively.
- 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said customized information comprises one or more <u>additional</u> attributes that define additionally said selected object.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of searching an object library for any of said additional attributes.

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- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said customized information is displayed in a custom field area provided on said modified object information window.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said custom field area comprises a custom field and an associated custom attribute field, for displaying a custom attribute for said selected object.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said customized information is displayed in an operator note area provided on said modified object information window.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said operator note area comprises a note text box for enabling input of text notes regarding said managed object.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said text notes include one or more custom attributes pertinent to said managed object.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said operator note area comprises a note creator field and a date of last note field.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said operator note area comprises an object history function for displaying historical information on all notes entered for said selected object.

- 11. (Currently Amended) For a GUI of a communication network, a <u>computer-implemented</u> modified object information window for enabling network operators to see an extended number of object attributes and operator information about an object of interest in one view, comprising:
- a plurality of conventional object information fields pertaining to said object of interest in said network;
 - a custom field area for enabling further characterization of said object; and
- a operator note area for enabling input of specific notes regarding operation of said object.
- 12. (Original) The modified object information window of claim 11, wherein said custom field area is searchable.
- 13. (Original) The modified object information window of claim 11, wherein said operator note area is searchable.
- 14-21. Cancelled
- 22. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said customized information includes additional attributes pertaining to said object that are not displayed by said conventional object information fields.

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- 23. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein said custom field area is searchable.
- 24. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein said note text box is collapsible.
- 25. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein said operator note area is searchable.
- 26. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein said operator note area further comprises tracking information fields associated with said note text box.
- 27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein said tracking information fields comprise a note creator field and a note creation/modification date.
- 28. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein said tracking information fields comprise a note update feature for enabling an operator to store the last typed note.